

**Rowe School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January, 8, 2008**

**1. Call To Order:**

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

**2. Audience of Citizens:**

Michael Buoniconti, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice, Rebecca Richardson, Bob Clancy, Russell Duprere, and Jack Packard were present. Laurie Laffond arrived late.

**3. Update on Energy Committee:**

A. Spoke about a state grant available for the town. (See Appendix A).

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to accept the December 11, 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Unanimous yes vote.

**5. Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to go into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations and when come out of Executive Session will return to regular session. Unanimous yes vote. Roll call vote Lisa Danek Burke – yes, Maggie Rice – yes, and Rebecca Richardson – yes. Out of regular session at 6:45pm. Back into regular session at 7:21pm.

**6. Correspondence:**

A. Letter from Susan B. Samoriski, Ed. D. Executive Director, Mary Lyon Foundation to Superintendent Michael Buoniconti. Re: Thank you.  
(See Appendix B).

**7. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Outdoor Classroom – Vaughn Tower will meet with Don Williams to go over the drawings on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Misunderstanding with Vaughn Tower and Bob Clancy on what actual work was to be completed not included the connection of the buildings. No contract was signed. Bob Silva said it was still a good price for the work to be done.
- B. Security Systems – Detecto Guard from Greenfield and Citizens Security from Ludlow have been contacted for a price for the Security System. Bob has started to fill out the grant from MIIA.

**8. Report of the Chairperson:**

- A. Meeting on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm with the Finance Committee and Select Board.
- B. Maggie will be attending a meeting for transportation and shared budget and will discuss information with the rest of the committee at the February School Committee Meeting.

**9. Report of the Superintendent:**

- A. District Educational Goals - Will be working on presentations for January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. (See Appendix C)
- B. FY09 Budget Proposal - Bob spoke about the Free and Reduced numbers at the school and the amount of money in the Cafeteria Revolving Account. We have had a decline in student numbers that qualified for Free and Reduced and because of this the money we receive is a lot less. Was discussed how much should be budgeted for this account for next year. (See Appendix D)
- C. School Choice Marketing– (See Appendix E)

**10. Financial Information:**

- A. Budget vs. Actual Report – (See Appendix F)

**11. Report of the Principal:**

- A. Principal Report – As read. (See Appendix G)

**12. Action Items:**

- A. Vote to continue to be a school of choice district for 2008-2009 school year.  
A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to continue to be a school of choice district for the 2008-2009 school year.  
Unanimous yes vote.
- B. Sick Bank Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Need to be put on the Agenda to vote at the next meeting.

**13. Subcommittee Reports:**

- A. Policy Subcommittee – None
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – Meeting next week.
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – See Executive Session above.

**14. Handouts:**

- A. Mary Lyon Foundation Mini-Grants – (See Appendix H).

**15. Adjournment:**

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

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Margaret Rice, Chairman

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Lisa Danek Burke

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Rebecca Richardson